



2014 Quiz 4

1. A16 is 30 yards beyond the LOS and in the clear when B55, in (a), is in pursuit and within 10 yards of A16, is “blind sided” by a legal block by A76, or (b), is more than 20 yards behind the play, and is not actively pursuing A16, and is “blind sided” by a legal block by A76. **Ruling: In (a), legal play as B55 is actively pursuing the play and is within 10 – 15 yards of the runner. In (b) we have a foul against a defenseless player. The penalty will be enforced from the spot of the foul as this occurred during a running play. In (b), B55 is considered a defenseless player due to his physical position (more than 15 yards behind the play) and his focus of concentration (not actively pursuing the runner). Rule 2-32-16, 9-4-3b. If we had helmet to helmet contact then we would have targeting in (a) and (b). Rule 2-20-2, 9-4-3m.**
2. A, 2/5 at B’s 20 YL. A24 is at B’s 5 YL when B27 charges from behind and knocks the ball from A24’s hands. The ball rolls into the pylon. **Ruling: Touchback. The pylon is OOB in B’s EZ and the fumble was the force that caused the ball to strike the pylon. Rule 2-13-2, 2-18, 4-3-2, 8-5-1, 8-5-3c.**
3. A, 3/7 at B’s 40 YL. A7 throws a legal FP that is intercepted by B18 at B’s 6 YL. B18’s momentum carries him to B’s 2 YL where he is hit by A87. B18 fumbles the football as a result of the contact and the ball bounces once inbounds and then strikes a pylon. **Ruling: Safety. The force that caused the football to go OOB in B’s EZ was the fumble by B18. Rule 2-13-2, 4-3-2, 8-5-2b.**
4. A’s FG is successful during the last play of the first quarter. B66 fouls by running into the kicker. A accepts the result of the play with enforcement of the penalty at the SS. Is the quarter extended for an untimed down? **Ruling: No. The period is not extended when the defense fouls during a successful Try or FG and the offended team accepts the results of the play with enforcement of the penalty from the SS. The new rule this year is that time must expire on the GC during the down for you to consider extending the quarter. Rule 3-3-4a.**

5. A is at the LOS with the QB under center when B35 calls out “Go” or “Hike”. Are these legal defensive signals? **Ruling: No. It is UNS. B is not permitted to call defensive signals that simulate the sound or cadence of A’s snap count. The U should always check with the defensive captain to see what defensive signals they use, and, if they interfere with A’s, B must change. Rule 9-5-1d.**
6. K, 4/11 at K’s 49 YL. K11’s punt lands at R’s 4 YL and bounces into the air. No R player is in the area to catch the kick. K 17 has sprinted downfield and turns and bats the football toward his own GL from R’s 2 YL. R9 recovers the ball on R’s 6 YL and attempts to return the kick, but retreats into his EZ where he is tackled. **Ruling: First touching by K17. B, 1/10 at B’s 2 YL. The result of the play is a safety, but B will take the ball at the spot of first touching. Rule 6-2-5.**
7. A, 3/10 at A’s 30 YL. Eligible A88 goes OOB voluntarily at A’s 40 YL and returns inbounds at midfield. While a legal FP is in flight, B13 interferes with A 88. A10’s pass is incomplete. **Ruling: A, 3/10 at A’s 30 YL. Double Foul. Both A88 and B13 have fouled. A88 is guilty of illegal participation and B13 is guilty of defensive pass interference. A player who is eligible at the start of the down remains eligible throughout the down. Rules 2-16-1b, 7-5-6d, 7-5-10, 9-6-2a.**

Mechanics

8. On the opening KO, the wind has blown the ball off the tee two times. What mechanic is to be used after this situation? **Ruling: A kicking team member **must** hold the football for the FK. Gold Book, page 15, item 21 C5.**
9. The weather forecast has possible storms in the area. What should be a part of your pregame meetings? **Ruling: When meeting with the timers and coaches ask for their assistance in spotting inclement weather. Many times people in the press box are able to see lightning in the distance before the officials. They can relay the information to one of the coaches who can relay it to the officials on the ground. Rules interpretation meeting July 25, 2014. Gold Book, P. 41, # 3.**

Regulations

10. For a game involving two nationally ranked teams, the crew of officials have decided to use a seven man crew. Is this legal? **Ruling: Legal, however; officials working games with 6 or 7 officials cannot be rated and the game does not count toward the 8 games needed for tournament eligibility. Gold Book, page 35, item 4A.**